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PANEL ON LIBRARY PROGRAMS

A special meeting of the Panel convened on December 12, 1971, at 3:15 p.m. at the Center for Tomorrow, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was adjourned on December 13 at 12:15 p.m.

Attendees

Mr. Paul L. Berry (substituting for Mr. Lorenz) Library of Congress
Mr. John Berthel, Johns Hopkins University
Mr. Kurt Cylke, Library of Congress
Mr. W. Carl Jackson, Pennsylvania State University
Mr. Joseph Jeffs, Georgetown University Library
Miss Germaine Krettek, American Library Association
Mr. Burton Lamkin, U.S. Office of Education
Dr. Joseph Leiter (substituting for Dr. Cummings) National Library of Medicine
Dr. Stephen McCarthy, Association of Research Libraries
Mr. Wallace Olsen, National Agricultural Library
Mr. Larry Papier, U.S. Office of Education
Mr. James Riley, Marquette University
Mr. John Sherrod, National Agricultural Library and
Chairman of the Panel
Mr. Joshua Smith, ERIC Clearinghouse for Library and Information Sciences
Mr. Richard Snyder, Drexel University
Mr. J. Donald Thomas, American Library Association/A.C.R.L.

Members of the Subcommittee on Negro Research Libraries met jointly with the Panel on Sunday afternoon. Members attending were:

Mr. Binford Conley, Alabama A&M College
Mr. William Cunningham, Howard University
Mr. Hillis Davis, Director of Cooperative College Library Center
Miss Melody Esnault (substituting for Mr. Fontenette) Southern University
Mr. Nicholas Gaymon, Florida A&M University
Mrs. Annie King, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. S. W. Mothershed, Texas Southern University

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Miss Pennie Perry, North Carolina Central University
Mr. Joseph Reason, Howard University
Dr. Jessie Smith, Fisk University
Mr. Matt Woods, Federal City College

1. The Planning Committee created in October four pages and presentations to be ready for discussion. These four topics were identified as among the prime topics not yet responded to and recommendations of the Second FIR Conference. Those topics were addressed separately in writing and verbally:
 - a. Library Research and Development Needs, F. Kurt Cylke
 - b. User Fee Philosophy and Study, Stephen A. McCarthy
 - c. Computer and Auxiliary Equipment Standards, Wallace C. Olsen
 - d. Place of Research Libraries in State and Regional Systems, Joshua Smith

Each topic was discussed briefly and informational questions answered. The Chairman sought determination of the method by which the Panel wished to handle each of the topics.

2. After additional discussion, it was resolved that the question of computer and machine standard was not as pressing a requirement as the other three topics as well as others raised. Therefore, the standards questions was tabled.
3. The Chairman announced the possibility of research and development influence being immediately possible through interaction with the Office of Science Information Services of NSF. After exploration of this topic and related research funding operations, two resolutions were passed.

RESOLUTION I

The COSATI Panel on Library Program recommends to the Chairman of COSATI and to the Office of Science Information Services (NSF) that all proposals for

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library and library related research and development should come to the Panel on Library Programs for review and recommendations.

by This resolution was passed with three objections and one abstention.

RESOLUTION II

The COSATI Panel on Library Programs will recommend to the Office of Science Information Services (NSF) a long-range program for library research and development.

This resolution was passed unanimously. It was agreed that an immediate statement should be drawn which could be used while this more definitive statement was being prepared.

4. Direct funding to libraries from Federal grants to university and college departments or projects was discussed. A sub-committee was asked to present a resolution on this topic the next day.

Monday, December 13

5. The Panel including the Subcommittee on Negro Research Libraries met from 8:15 to 9:45 at the Ohio College Library Center to hear a presentation by Mr. Fred Kilgour, Director. The membership, economics, products, and general operating plans of the Center were explained. Mr. Kilgour demonstrated the on-line cataloging data base and discussed the methods of utilization by the member libraries.
6. At 10:30 the Panel reassembled at the Center for Tomorrow for consideration of prepared recommendations or resolutions.
7. Mr. Jeffs reported on the Boston-Spa concept activities about which there had been a recommendation at the Second FIR Conference. The Association of Research Libraries has established a Committee of which Mr. Jeffs is chairman. They are planning to submit a grant request for a feasibility study. No action by the Panel was considered necessary.

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8. Mr. Cylke reported that he had begun discussions of a joint session for the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science in 1972 with two national organizations based in Washington, D.C. He is planning to add members to his Committee in the near future.
9. Mr. Jeffs introduced the following resolution concerning direct costs for libraries from Federal grants to universities. It was passed with the changes here incorporated.

RESOLUTION III

Resolved:

That all research grants or contracts made by Federal research agencies to academic institutions contain a direct cost item covering charges for those library materials and services needed to support research under the grant or contract;

That the official academic library in the grantee institution, rather than the individual researcher or research group, be responsible for the expenditure and control of this direct cost element;

And, that all library materials purchased with such direct grant or contract funds remain the property of the library.

10. Mr. Jackson introduced the following resolution which was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION IV

Recognizing that research libraries are faced with many challenges, including a need to provide equality of access to information sources, a need to provide more direct, focused and dynamic services to users, and a need to utilize new technologies both for services to users and for more effective internal operations;
and further recognizing that research libraries are inhibited from pursuing these goals by increasing costs of a widening array of library materials, as well as associated costs of processing these materials;

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Be it resolved:

That the COSATI Panel on Library Programs hereby recommends that a commitment be made to programs that would enhance a national "systems" concept of libraries, with particular reference to:

1. Development of methods and techniques for effective sharing and utilization of resources between libraries, to permit reduction of wide scale duplicative acquisitions, and
2. Development of national and international schemes and techniques which would provide bibliographic control closer to the point of publication or origin, thus speeding access while reducing costs of redundant local processing.

11. Dr. McCarthy presented a resolution on a user fee study which was passed with changes here incorporated.

RESOLUTION V

The COSATI Panel on Library Programs at its meeting on December 12-13, 1971, adopted the following resolution as a matter of high priority.

Resolved:

That a study be made of the role of the Federal Government in the field of information, including:

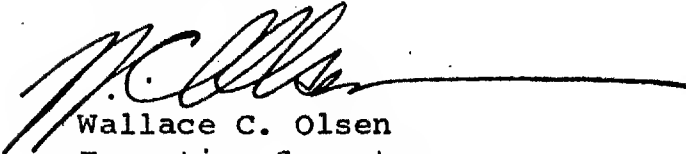
1. A survey of the principal types of publications and information sources produced, both depository and non-depository;
2. The methods of dissemination employed;
3. The economics of collecting, generating, organizing, preparing and distributing information; and
4. The development of recommended Federal information policies with their economic implications, operating procedures and methods of implementation.

The study should be made by an unbiased and reputable research organization and the results of the study should be published.

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12. The Chairman thanked the Panel members for their long hours of deliberation, for making the trip and for devoting so much time to the Panel's work.

Respectfully submitted,



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